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What's Up Downtown

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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



The DDD would like to wish all our Downtown NOLA partners a very safe and pleasant 4th of July weekend. In observance of the

holiday, the DDD office will be closed on Friday, July 3. We will resume normal office hours on Monday, July 6. As always, the DDD Public Safety Rangers will be on duty from 10am to 10pm and may be reached at (504) 415-1730 or rangers@downtownnola.com.

ICYMI: New Orleans considers new downtown homeless shelter



A coalition led by the [Downtown Development District](#) is developing an outdoor homeless shelter in the downtown area, an estimated \$7 million project designed to centralize the homeless population for outreach workers and offer mental health and addiction services.

Kurt Weigle, president and CEO of the Downtown Development District, said a so-called "low-barrier" shelter has been a missing piece in the city's system of care for the homeless.

[Click here](#) to read the story by nola.com.

ESSENCE FESTIVAL PARKING AND

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS



Today, the City of New Orleans issued traffic reminders in advance of the [2015 ESSENCE Festival](#) to be held this weekend Thursday, July 2 - Sunday, July 5, 2014. Events will be held in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, the Mercedes-Benz Superdome and Woldenberg Park. The festival is expected to draw over 400,000 attendees to the downtown area throughout the weekend. The public is encouraged to be patient and prepared for heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic by making transportation arrangements accordingly.

The New Orleans Police Department will provide traffic assistance in the Central Business District and French Quarter from Thursday, July 2 - Sunday, July 6 from 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. NOPD officers will provide traffic assistance for the Mercedes-Benz Superdome each night beginning at 5:00 p.m. Street closures may occur depending on the volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Parking enforcement personnel will be monitoring for illegal parking, including blocking hydrants, driveways and sidewalks, or parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk, intersection or stop signs. Motorists are also reminded to park in the direction of travel on one-way streets, and with the right wheel to the curb on two-way streets.

In addition, RTA services, including streetcar and bus service, may be interrupted during this event. Details on any route changes are available at www.norta.com.

Venue Security Check Points

In order to provide the safest possible environment for every participant attending ESSENCE Fest, there will be heightened security at all venues- Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Woldenberg Park and Mercedes-Benz Superdome. All large carrying bags and backpacks will be inspected.

Fifth Annual FestiGals Raises More Than \$45,000 for CAGNO and Breastoration



The fifth annual [FestiGals](#) event raised more than \$45,000 for the Cancer Association of Greater New Orleans and Breastoration. Both organizations support women currently undergoing treatment for cancer.

The four-day event was held on June 11-14 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Downtown New Orleans and included the Bodacious Bras for a Cause Luncheon & Auction. The auction featured the top three winning finalists of the Bodacious Bra Challenge which took place during the month leading up to the weekend. Also featured were original works of art from artists Marita Crandle, Laurie Fleck, Kristina Larson, Paulette Lizano and Sarah Segovia.

"HAPPENINGS IN THE ARTS DISTRICT"



Contemporary Arts Center

June is Membership Month

Help support the CAC programming

Youth Summer Arts Camp

July 6 - 31, 9am - 3pm

Ages 6 - 14 years old

[Click here](#) to register now!

Teen Summer Arts Camp

July 20 - 31, 9am - 3pm

Grades 9 - 12

[Click here](#) to register now!

LeMieux Galleries

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A Group Exhibition

Curated by Christy Wood

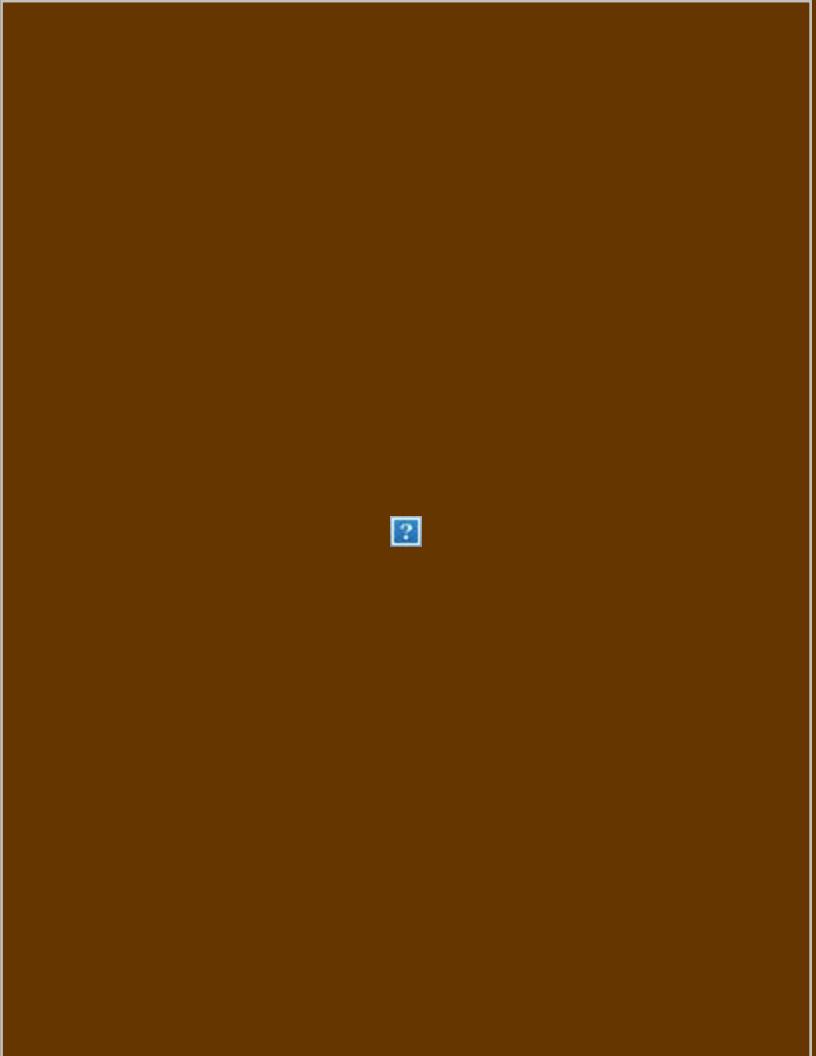
and Jordan Blanton

Reception June 6, 2015 6-8 P.M.

The exhibition will be on view through July 25, 2015

LeMieux Galleries, 332 Julia St. 504-522-5988

REMINDER: ADD YOUR BUSINESS TO THE NEW DDD WEBSITE



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In celebration of our 40th Anniversary and in an effort to provide Downtown stakeholders with easy access to information regarding Downtown New Orleans, we have launched a newly designed website. The new, professional and artistic design will serve as a primary resource center for information on Downtown. With this new reader-friendly site navigation is made simple and user-

friendly.

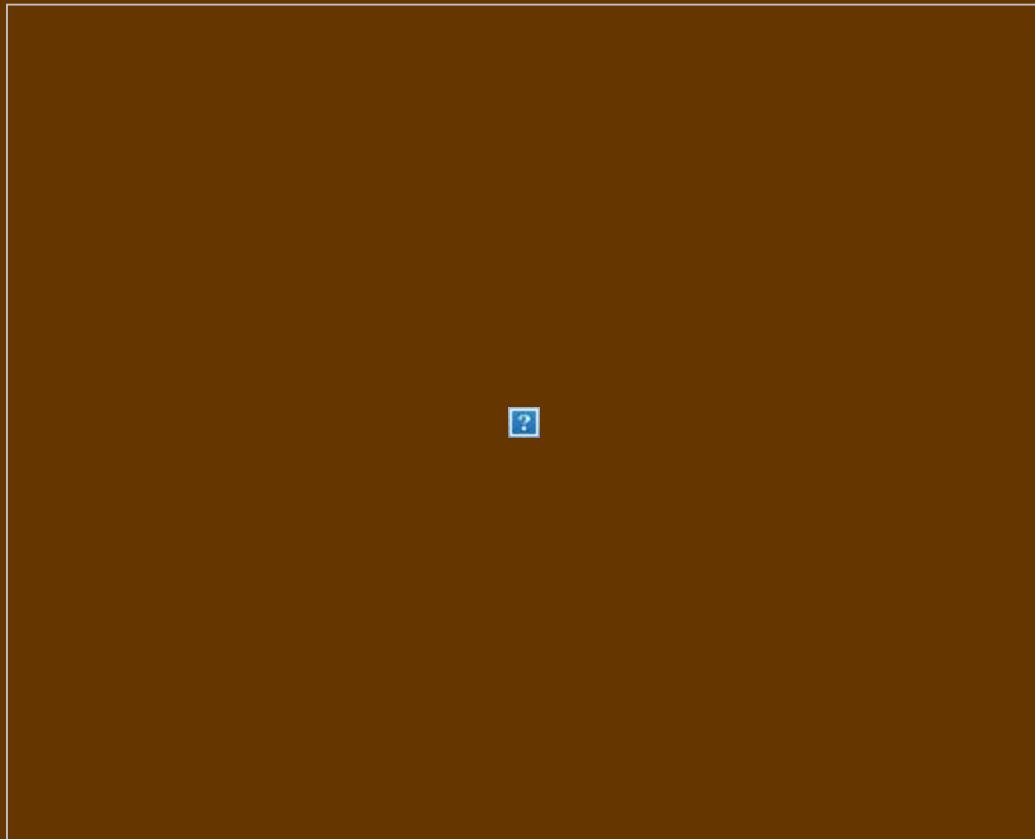
Whether you are an existing resident or business, or soon to be one, you will find everything you need on the new site. However, one key feature is the ability for Downtown organizations to register and add their company and/or event to the site for free. [Click here](#) to begin your post.

Don't miss this opportunity to let us help promote you!

And be sure to follow us on Twitter [@DDDNewOrleans](#) & Instagram [@DDDNewOrleans](#) and like us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/DowntownNola](#).

Coming Soon - The new DDD Smartphone APP!

TRAFFIC COORDINATION MAP



View Areas Impacted by Construction

City of New Orleans Department of Public Works has traffic

coordination maps for the major portions of the City that are currently being impacted by construction including Downtown New Orleans. Visit www.nola.gov/dpw/traffic-coordination to view them. The maps are updated every 2 weeks.

SAFECAMNOLA.COM



Register Your Security Camera with NOPD to Help Fight Crime

If you own a security camera in New Orleans, you can now register it with NOPD to help detectives solve crimes in your neighborhood and provide strong evidence to put offenders away.

The New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation, in partnership with the NOPD, launched a new online service called Safecam NOLA. The program allows residents and business owners to register their security cameras with New Orleans Police. The SafecamNOLA project is an expansion of "Safecam8," which was an on-line program that Downtown residents and business owners in the Eighth Police District have been using for years to register their cameras with Eighth District police. The 1,302 8th District cameras that are in that system are now included in the citywide SafecamNOLA system.

Please visit www.SafecamNOLA.com to enroll today.

RECYCLING BINS BEING DELIVERED DOWNTOWN



In an effort to increase participation in the curbside recycling program, the City of New Orleans has announced that citizens in Downtown New Orleans can now call 311 to request delivery of the blue recycling bins if their property is eligible for collection by the City.

Earlier this year, Mayor Mitch Landrieu announced the return of curbside recycling as a City service in the French Quarter and the Central Business District. Collection of recyclable materials takes place every Tuesday morning by Empire Services.

For more information visit www.nola.gov.



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